

Amendments To the Abstract:

In the English translation document, please amend abstract at page 19 lines 3-15, as follows:

--A network node in the communication network is a target network node, connected by a first communication path with at least one first and one second network node, connected to each other by means of a further communication path. A routing table is held in each network node. The direct communication path from the first network node to the target network node is entered in the routing table of the first network node as the primary routing path and the path leading from the first network node to the second network node and then to the target network node is entered as the reserve routing path. An analogous entry is made in the routing table of the second network node. The relevant reserve routing path is only used on disruption of the primary routing path. A disruption in the primary communication path, provided between the first network node and the target network node is reported by the first network node, by means of a message sent to the second network node. This controls the second network node such that, on a drop-out of the primary connection path thereof to the target network node, a transmission of data packets to the target network node by means of the reverse routing path, leading from the second network node to the target network node via the first network node, is prevented.--